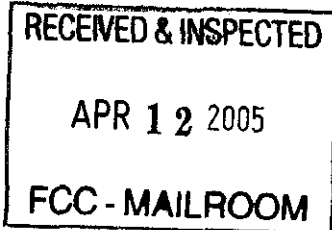


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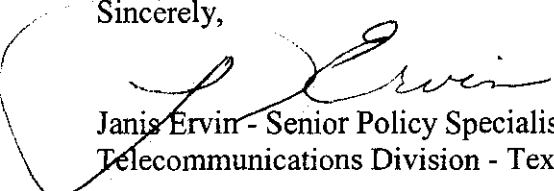
**RE: Federal-State Joint Board on Universal Service, CC Docket No. 96-45**  
**TX PUC Project No. 25787 - FCC Letters Regarding ETC Designation Pursuant to FTA '96 §214(e) (2)**

**ETC Amendment – Cumby Telephone Cooperative**

Pursuant to Section 214(e) (2) of the Communications Act of 1934, as amended (the "Act") and 47 C.F.R. sections 54.201 – 54.203, the Texas Public Utility Commission (TPUC) has granted Cumby Telephone Cooperative, Inc. (CTC) an amendment to its eligible telecommunications carrier (ETC) designation. The attached TPUC *Order No., Notice of Approval to Amend Designation as an Eligible Telecommunications Carrier (ETC) and Eligible Telecommunications Provider (ETP)*, in Docket No. 30786, issued on April 4, 2005, grants CTC an amendment for the exchange of Cooper located in the Sprint-United study area.

If you require any additional information please call Janis Ervin at (512)-936-7372.

Sincerely,

  
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DOCKET NO. 30786

APPLICATION OF CUMBY TELEPHONE §  
COOPERATIVE, INC. TO AMEND ITS §  
DESIGNATION AS AN ELIGIBLE §  
TELECOMMUNICATIONS CARRIER §  
(ETC), PURSUANT TO P.U.C. SUBST. §  
R. 26.418 AND TO AMEND ITS §  
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**ORDER NO. 3**  
**NOTICE OF APPROVAL TO AMEND DESIGNATION AS**  
**AN ELIGIBLE TELECOMMUNICATIONS CARRIER (ETC)**  
**AND AS AN ELIGIBLE TELECOMMUNICATIONS PROVIDER (ETP)**

***Procedural History***

On February 22, 2005, Cumby Telephone Cooperative, Inc. (CTC) filed an application to amend its designation as an eligible telecommunications carrier (ETC), pursuant to P.U.C. SUBST. R. 26.418 and 47 U.S.C. §214(e), which was assigned Docket No. 30787. CTC simultaneously filed an application to amend its designation as an eligible telecommunications provider (ETP), pursuant to P.U.C. SUBST. R. 26.417, which was assigned Docket No. 30786. CTC holds Certificate of Operating Authority (COA) No. 50017 granted in Docket No. 18795 on June 19, 1998. CTC was granted its initial ETC and ETP designations in Docket Nos. 21416 and 21417 on October 15, 1999, for the Lone Star and Miller Grove exchanges. CTC amended its designations in Docket Nos. 22592 and 22593 on July 18, 2000, for the Brashear exchange. Docket No. 26451 on September 13, 2002, amended CTC's COA to encompass the entire Dallas Local Access and Transport Area (LATA). The applications provided in Docket Nos. 30786 and 30787 seek an amendment of the existing ETC and ETP designations to include the exchange of Cooper located within the Sprint-United service area.

Order No. 2, dated March 17, 2005, deemed the applications sufficient, approved the waiver to allow administrative processing, consolidated the dockets and closed Docket No. 30787. No requests for comments or intervention have been filed in this proceeding.

On March 30, 2005, Staff filed a recommendation stating that having met all of the required criteria, it recommends CTC be granted an amendment to its ETC and ETP designations for the Cooper exchange.

***Ordering Paragraph***

Based on Staff's recommendation, pursuant to P.U.C. SUBST. R. 26.418 and 26.417, Cumby's application for an amendment to its ETC and ETP designation to add the Cooper exchange within the Sprint-United service area is approved.

SIGNED AT AUSTIN, TEXAS the 4<sup>th</sup> day of April 2005.

**PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION OF TEXAS**

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**IRENE MONTELONGO  
ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE  
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